



READ WRITES

For You and About You

August 2011

Celebrating Friends of READ/OC Board Members

It's amazing how fast time passes and once again Friends of READ/OC (FROC) has come to the end of the two year term for our Board Officers. We're excited to have new officers for the 2011-2012 term and lots of fresh new ideas as FROC continues its support of READ/OC.



(FROC Board Members at 2011 AFPAC)

Before saying hello to our incoming Board, I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers that helped me during my two years as Board President. They have all been tremendously committed to doing whatever was required to help FROC succeed, and it was a pleasure and honor to work with each of them.

Julie Cottle served as Vice President for this term and took on this responsibility in addition to her role as Chair of the Recognition Activities Committee. Julie is most visible coordinating all the food preparation and service at the Annual Picnic, although she does much behind the scenes to make the picnic and other recognition events successful. Julie has been a great supporter of READ/OC and FROC for more than five years and has been very successful working with Wells Fargo

as they continue to provide financial support and the greatest group of volunteers ever. Julie is always willing to chair a Board meeting when necessary and keep things running smoothly.

Ryan Ramos has been the FROC Treasurer for the last two years and may have found a new calling. Ryan spent his valuable volunteer time running to the READ/OC office when they needed something, at the bank, or keeping FROC on their toes by providing all the financial details we needed to make decisions. Ryan is also an active tutor and has supported the Recognition Activities Committee for many years with quiet humor and an open heart.

Anne Uyeda has served as Board Secretary and been documenting all the details of our meetings for the last two years. She can get her notes recorded almost faster than you finish the thought. Another important responsibility on Anne's plate was to be a consistent point of contact for FROC as she welcomed and thanked new tutors and donors. Anne also gave her time to help the Recognition Activities Committee and is the queen of mass production. When you need 200 leaves cut out, she's the one to step up and volunteer for the task.

I'm very happy to say that while our officers are changing, our outgoing board is going to continue their work with READ/OC and FROC and we will continue to have their insight and input. Many thanks to these outgoing officers. Your time is greatly appreciated and I hope you always felt it was time well spent. You serve as a wonderful example of compassionate service.

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The monthly report winner for July is

Judith Chew-Darke

Congratulations
Judith!

Monthly Reports are due by the 5th of every month. Get yours in on time for a chance to be next month's winner and receive a \$10 gift card to Starbucks.

If you have missed sending in your Monthly Reports, it is not too late to catch up! Remember, the hours you report each month are the only record READ has of your learner's hours!

Of course you can still access monthly report forms online, submit them by email to readoc@occr.ocgov.com or mail them to READ/OC, 1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92705



Proud Moments



July was a very successful month for our tutors and learners! Here are just a few of their achievements in July, taken from monthly reports:

- Diana's learner completed a job application for the first time.
- Ann's learner had a successful meeting with her bank manager.
- Raul's learner got a part time job.
- Julia's learner learned how to do independent research using online sources. She learned how to ask questions of Google, for example, "What does a governor do?"
- Jason's learner has become comfortable browsing the internet, making phone calls, and talking to his coworkers.
- Cathy's learner was able to read a credit card application and the directions for claiming his lotto winnings.
- Cathleen's learner completed and submitted her Employee Self-Evaluation and Feedback form.
- Judith's learner read 12 books to his young children for the first time.

Please remember to submit your monthly reports. We want to let everyone know about your accomplishments!

Celebrate Literacy Around the World! Thursday, September 8

On International Literacy Day each year, UNESCO reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally.

Despite many and varied efforts, literacy remains an elusive target: some 796 million adults lack minimum literacy skills which means that about one in six adults is still not literate; 67.4 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out.

If you know of someone who needs help or you would like to help by becoming a tutor, encourage them to contact READ/OC now. Learners are waiting for tutors, help for learners is available at no cost, and a tutor training sessions is scheduled for September and another for October/November.

Literacy for Peace

LITERACY DAY

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In addition to these Board members we are also fortunate to have **Vaughan Hedges** keeping our website up and running, and **Anita Taillon**, a creative genius on the Recognition Activities Committee, to bring our visions to light. Both Anita and Vaughan will continue in their roles and are great assets for both READ/OC and FROC.

And in with the new...

Our new Board promises to be amazing. It's a great blend of relatively new FROC members and some seasoned volunteers committing to stay the course for the next two years.

Craig and Karen Ruhl will be sharing the responsibilities of Board President, and have been Friends of READ/OC for many years through their volunteer and corporate consulting efforts. Each brings years of corporate, community and church board member experience to FROC. Karen is Principle and President of Lighthouse Creative Group, Inc., a full service creative agency. Craig recently retired from 20 years as Chief Financial Officer and General Manager of an engineering firm in Long Beach, CA. Karen and Craig are also Owners/Directors of Christian Home Based Business Federation and work together full time. They believe in giving back to the community and enjoy doing so as a team. Both are avid readers, love to travel and enjoy photography. Karen and Craig will also continue their support of FROC as Outreach coordinators throughout Orange County.

Ryan Ramos will serve as the new Vice President of the Board of Directors, in addition to his ongoing role with the Recognition Activities Committee. He currently works for the Orange County Health Care agency, engaged in public health research and planning. Ryan has a diverse educational background, having earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Cal State Fullerton and Master's degrees in Anthropology and Healthcare Administration. Ryan also serves on the Community Advisory group for the city of Westminster.

Richard Scott, a California transplant, was born and raised in Northeast Ohio, where he attended The Ohio State University, getting a B.S. in Education. Before joining READ/OC and FROC he owned and operated a building supply business in Cleveland. After being involved with retail sales and management for over 35 years, Richard is now semi retired, and giving his time as a volunteer tutor with Read/OC and a member of FROC. Richard has received several awards for his volunteer efforts and now brings that commitment to FROC as our new Treasurer. Richard also serves on the Membership Committee. In addition to his volunteer work, his hobbies are reading, and riding and caring for his motorcycle.

Katia Victoria is the new Secretary of the Board of Directors. Katia also works with the Membership Committee of FROC. Presently she works at Landau Law Group in Santa Ana as the Office Manager. She graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a B.A. in History. Her experience as an ESL Instructor and her commitment to education motivated her to become part of Friends of Read/OC.

Please join me in welcoming the new Friends of READ/OC Board of Directors as they begin their term in office. I know each of them will do their best to promote READ and FROC and I look forward to seeing their plans take shape. Congratulations to all. -Linda Kricfalusi

The READ/OC team extends our appreciation and gratitude to the dedicated members of Friends of READ/Orange County and especially the above members of the FROC Board.

They are committed to supporting and promoting the literacy services of READ/OC through outreach, financial support, and raising awareness of the importance of literacy throughout Orange County.

Their amazing commitment and countless hours of service contribute to every aspect of READ/OC services from hospitality and providing refreshments at tutor and learner meetings and training events, to books for the Families For Literacy program, and the amazing Annual Family Picnic and Appreciation Celebration (AFPAC) and Fall Feast gathering.

Thank you Friends of READ/Orange County!



Join READ/Orange County to celebrate literacy and set a world record!

On Thursday, October 6 more than 2.1 million people will promote the importance of early literacy skills for children and families reading together while attempting to break a world record for people reading the same book on the same day!

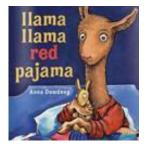
Read For the Record is a national celebration of literacy and an opportunity to share the joy of reading with family and community. The book celebrated this year is <u>Llama</u>, <u>Llama</u>, <u>Red Pajama</u> by Anna Dewdney.

Pledge to read <u>Llama</u>, <u>Llama</u>, <u>Red Pajama</u> with your family on Thursday, October 6 at <u>www.jstart.org</u> or attend a **Read For the Record** event in your community. Consider reading the book to your child's class or volunteer to help at one of the many events at OC Public Libraries. Go to www.READOC.org for information on *Read For the Record* events at OC Public Libraries and to volunteer to help.

You can even read the book online at www.wegivebooks.org!

Read For the Record events are currently being scheduled at several library and community locations throughout Orange County between Saturday, October 1 and Thursday, October 6. A complete listing of events will be in the September newsletter issue and will soon be posted on our website, www.readoc.org.

If you are interested in a one-day volunteer opportunity and encouraging families to read together, call the READ office at 714-566-3070 to volunteer at a Read For the Record event.



OUTREACH NEWS



Thank you to Allergan for inviting us to attend your Employee Community Outreach Fair. We were greeted by employees who wanted to learn more about READ/OC and how they could volunteer to help with our program.

We will be at Bio Rad in September for their Employee bookfare. We look forward to telling you more in our September issue.

If you would like more information on how to have our Outreach Coordinator come to your place of business or talk to your group, please call 714-566-3070 and ask for Karen!



READ/OC and Friends of READ/OC Look us up and become our Friend!

If you are reading this line, call the READ/OC office to claim your "reader of the month prize!"

Did You Get Caught Reading This Summer?

You may have noticed the library was a bit more crowded in July, and the reason is wonderfully simple – SUMMER READING!

This year just under 22,000 children and teens participated in the summer reading program, and 38% read at least 10 hours. Many even read way beyond the 10 hour benchmark, and for the teens, the 10-hour mark was reached by 51%! Summer reading at OC Public Libraries included 453 programs with 28,427 attendees! So, if the staff at your library look a bit weary, they have good reason!

We hope READ/OC tutors and learners were among the thousands who "got caught reading" this summer at the library, the beach, the park, by the pool or in a comfy chair on the patio!

Isn't it great that we don't have to wait a year to enjoy such fun? Check out the wonderful programs your library offers every week, each month, all year! Then, find a book you want to read, check it out and read it – silently to yourself, aloud to others, with a friend, to grandma, to baby sister or with Fido – indoors or out, at the park, the beach, the zoo, on the bus, in the car, weekends or evenings! It is easy to *Get Caught Reading* every day!

And when you do, remember to send a photo to READ/OC to help us remind others how to continue celebrating literacy all year long! To help you get started, here are some ideas for the coming months:

<u>September</u>

September is Library Card Sign Up Month: If you don't have one – get one! They are free!

September 5 - Labor Day: Read about your dream job or a "How To" book for a future project.

September 8 - International Literacy Day: Read about another country or culture.

September 9 - Teddy Bear Day: Read to or with your favorite teddy bear.

September 11- Grandparent's Day: Read to or with your grandchildren or grandparents.

September 16 - Constitution Day: Read the Bill of Rights or the Preamble. It's a great reminder!



Always reading at work.

<u>October</u>

October is Family History Month: Read a biography, write a biography about a family member, of write your autobiography

October 6 - Read for the Record Day: Read Llama, Llama, Red Pajama with a child!

October 20 - National Day on Writing: Write a letter to a friend, your favorite author, or favorite character, or write your own story!

October 31 - Halloween: Read or write a scary story!

November 1

November is Geography Awareness Month: Read a map or a <u>National Geographic</u> story

November 1- Family Literacy Day: Turn off the TV and computer. Read a story together.

November 11- Veteran's Day: Read about a hero or write a letter to a soldier.

November 13 – World Kindness Day: Read about or write a letter to someone who made the world a better place through kindness.

November 25 - Thanksgiving Day: Read a recipe; write about for what or who you are thankful.



Reading to Grandma!



What do we want to eat?

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Reading about summer vacation.

Did You "Get Caught Reading" This Summer?

Some of the families attending our Family Reading Times this month shared with words and drawings how they enjoyed learning and reading this summer. Some were too young to write their story on their own, so together with a parent, they used the "language experience approach" (LEA). The families enjoyed speaking, reading, writing and sharing their summer learning adventures with one another. Here a few examples. If you have at least one child under age 5, bring the family to a READ/OC Family Reading Time. The dates and locations of our Family Reading Times are listed on the calendar in this newsletter.

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PS = Live Story time

This summer, I went to Disneyland, and I tearned to read their maps.

Also, I wrote journals, I went to art class and I learned how to use coloring pencits, Oil pastel, water color.

T like my art class.

Fun to do with your family!



This Month's Learning Resource Puzzle: Matching Idioms

Directions:

Match the idiom phrase in the left column with its meaning from the right column

- 1. as sly as a fox
- 2. bend over backwards
- 3. an arm and a leg
- 4. raining cats and dogs
- 5. chip on your shoulder
- 6. a drop in the bucket
- 7. a slap on the wrist
- 8. icing on the cake
- 9. a piece of cake
- 10. bite your tongue:
- 11. beat a dead horse
- 12. a taste of your own medicine

- a. raining very hard
- b. to force an issue that has already ended.
- c. being upset for something that happened in the past
- d. when you are mistreated the same way you mistreat others
- e. a task that can be accomplished very easily
- f. avoid talking
- g. very expensive; a large amount of money
- h. a very small part of something big or whole
- i. when you already have it good and get something on top of what you already have
- j. smart and clever
- k. do whatever it takes to help
- I. a very mild punishment

Attention Tutors: For more information about idioms, the following resources may be helpful. These resources and more are available in the READ/OC Literacy Centers.

In READ/OC Literacy Centers:

101 American English Idioms

101 American English Proverbs

101 American English Riddles

American English Idiomatic Expressions in 52 Weeks

Additional resources online:

http://www.newreaderspress.com/Items.aspx?hierId=1070

http://www.grassrootsbooks.net/us/esl/everyday-idioms-1.html

http://www.grassrootsbooks.net/us/esl/everyday-idioms-2.html

Idiom Puzzle Answers:

1(i); 2(k); 3(d); 4(g); 2(c); 2(p); 3(i); 3(i); 3(i); 4(g); 11(p); 11(p); 11(p); 11(q)

Ms. Paige Turner (Fun advice for tutors and learners)



Dear Paige,

At the recent Annual Family Picnic and Appreciation Celebration, my learner was impressed with the learners that were recognized for their achievements. What can I do for my learner's achievements to be recognized?

Dedicated Tutor

Dear Dedicated,

You most likely recognize your learner's achievements each time you acknowledge a small step toward their personal goal. When you "celebrate" with your learner the progress of each step toward achieving a short-term goal on the way to their long-term goal, you provide timely, meaningful encouragement to your learner.

Then, when you include this progress in your monthly report, you provide the READ/OC team an opportunity to celebrate the progress with you and your learner by acknowledging your collective efforts in the "Proud Moments" column in this newsletter.

Another great opportunity to acknowledge your learner's progress is when the two of you together complete (and return to READ) the "Roles and Goals" Survey that READ/OC sends to you twice a year. Each of these encouragements will help your learner experience a positive learning environment, boost their confidence and celebrate meaningful personal success.

So let the celebrating begin (and continue!)
Paige

Hint: Start reflecting progress toward goals with your learner now. The next Roles and Goals Survey will be sent to you in a few months.

Here's to Lifelong Learning, Paige

Missed an issue?

Did you know that previous issues of our READ Writes newsletter can be accessed online at www.readoc.org? Check out our website, often!



There is a great collection of resources and advice brewing on our website. Review the previous issues of our newsletter for ideas, activities, and suggestions to use in your tutoring sessions. And remember to share it with a friend when they ask you "what's new?"

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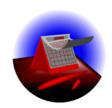
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If you are interested in contributing an article for READ WRITES, contact us at 714-566-3070.

When you have finished reading this newsletter, please share it with someone so they will know about the services and volunteer opportunities

> Click here to go directly to the **READ/OC** Calendar of Events





August 2011 Calendar

Friday, August 26

Tuesday, August 30 Thursday, September 1

Monday, September 5 Tuesday, September 6

Wednesday, September 7 Thursday, September 8

Saturday, September 10

Wednesday, September 14 Thursday, September 15

Saturday, September 17

Family Reading @ Pretend City, Irvine, 11am-12pm &

August 2011 Calendar

TTW - Final Session @ READ/OC, 5:30-8:30pm

Family Reading Time @ El Toro, 6-8pm

Family Reading Time @ Pretend City, Irvine, 3:30 pm

Labor Day Holiday - Libraries are closed

Family Reading Time @ La Palma Library, 6:15-7:45 pm Tutor Orientation @ Fountain Valley Library, 6-8pm

Tutor Orientation @ Orange Library, 6-8pm

International Literacy Day!

CELEBRATE READING & LEARNING - READ to **SOMEONE!**

Family Reading Time @ Mesa Verde Library. 6-8pm Family Reading Time @ Pretend City, Irvine, 3:30 pm

Family Reading Time @ Irvine University Park,

10am-12pm

Family Reading Time @ Stanton FRC, 6-8pm Family Reading Time @ Tustin Library, 6:30-8pm

Family Reading Time @ Pretend City, Irvine, 3:30 pm

Family Reading Time @ Irvine Heritage Park,

10am-12pm

Family Reading Time @ El Toro Library, 10am-12pm

Coming Soon!

Thursday, October 6 is READ for the Record Day!

Celebrate the importance of reading together and help set a new World Record for Jumpstart with the most adults and children reading together the same book on the same day by reading Llama, Llama, Red Pajama on Thursday, October 6. Contact READ/OC to learn more and how you can help.

Get Caught Reading - Get Ready to Learn! Keep Cool With A Book!









READ/OC is the adult literacy services of OC Public Libraries and OC Community Resources